maintained in this regard. However, out of 284 kms railway line existing in Uttarakhand, 36 kms of railway line have been added since Independence.

(b) and (c) The following new lines/projects falling fully/partly in Uttarakhand have been taken up:-

Projects	Kms	Cost (Rs. in crore)
Kitcha-Khatima Deoband-	51.5 27.45	165.67
Muzaffarnagar		105.52

The projects would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Upgradation of security system on ECoR

1475. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is bringing in a slew of measures to strengthen security at railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of railway stations falling on the ECoR which would be covered under the upgradation of security system to control any kind of untoward incident on this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following preventive measures are being taken to strengthen security at railway stations:-

> Sniffer dogs are being utilized to check explosive material in trains/ railway stations/railway premises.

> X-ray machines are proposed to be installed at very important railway stations.

> Bomb Detection and Disposal equipments, Close Circuit Televisions, Hand Held Metal Detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors are being provided at sensitive railway stations for anti-sabotage checks.

> Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police staff are being deployed for escorting of Mail/Express/Shatabdi/Rajdhani Express trains.

> Luggage/baggage checking of passengers at entry gate, is being done by Government Railway Police/Railway Protection Force/Commercial staff at railway stations.

> Intelligence staff are being geared up and instructed to maintain close liaison with Intelligence Bureau, special Branch and other intelligence agencies.

> The empty rake is locked at Platform and is escorted by Railway Protection Force from Platform to sick/washing line.

> Basic security arrangements are also strengthened by minimizing the entry points and repairing of boundary walls of station limit, yard, etc.

> Frisking of all passengers and manual checking of their luggage has been introduced.

> Close Circuit Televisions are being installed at Important railway stations.

(c) The following railway stations have been identified over East Coast Railway which are being covered under the upgradation of security system to control any kind of untoward incident:-

(1) Sambalpur, Titlagarh, Visakhapatanam, Koraput, Bhubneshwar, Puri, Plasa, Paradeep, Kurda, Angul, Bhadrak, Talcher, Sirikakulam, Jagdalpur, Arku, Lakhimpur, Naupada, Raidakul, Balangeer, Kantabanji, Baragarh Mahasamund, Vubli and Munigunda.

Connectivity of State-capitals of NER

1476. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many State capitals of NER are not connected by railway lines;

(b) what steps are being taken to provide railway facilities in interior places of NER particularly in Sikkim, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Meghalaya;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to connect Sikkim by railway line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the targeted period of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R VELU): (a) 7 State capitals in the North East Region are not connected by railway lines.

(b) to (d) New Lines have been taken up from Dimapur to Zubza (Kohima) in Nagaland, Harmuti-ltanagar in Arunachal Pradesh and Azra-Byrnihat, Dudhnoi-Depa in Meghalaya. Survey for new line in Mizoram from Bairabhi to Sairang has been completed and proposal has been processed for necessary clearances. In Sikkim, Survey for new line from Sivok to Rangpo has been completed recently. As per Survey report, cost of construction of this 52 kms. long line has been assessed as Rs. 1329 crore. The time period of completion is not feasible to be fixed as project is not sanctioned.